

LONE ROBBER STICKS UP AN ALL NIGHT SALOON

Compels Proprietor to Open Safe and Surrender His Bank Roll Isthmian Canal Commission Submits Its Annual Report

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—No definite date for the official opening of the Panama canal is set in the annual report of Colonel George Goethals, chairman and chief engineer of the canal commission, which has just been submitted to Secretary Garrison. Neither is there any prediction of when the ships may first pass from ocean to ocean. The first day of the canal's actual operation still depends upon the treacherous slides of Culebra cut and how fast the dredges can keep the channel open.

"It has been the general belief that the effect of the water in the cut would tend to retard slides, and experience below the Gatun locks fully justifies this belief, said Colonel Goethals. "On the other hand, the geologist is of the opinion that the water may to some extent develop new slides. Again, much ado was made in 1909 over the seamy character of rock on the isthmus, through which water flows quite rapidly, in consequence of which the question was raised that the lake might leak through seams and crevices.

TEACHERS LEAVE FOR INSTITUTE AT GOLDFIELD

SCHOOLS WILL REMAIN CLOSED FOR ONE WEEK DURING THIS SESSION.

Tonopah schools are empty today, and will remain that way all week, until next Monday, when the teachers will have returned from the district institute at Goldfield. The sessions will occupy three days and attendance is compulsory. The Tonopah contingent that went over this morning included the following:

Mrs. Jennie Currieux, C. W. Smith, M. M. Mackinder, J. D. Scott, Miss Helen Slavin, Miss Anna Bradley, Miss Georgia Bennett, Miss Edna Sullivan, Miss Gertrude Wallace, Miss Vivian Warren, Miss Alice Mettly, Miss Augusta Jahn, W. C. Blair, Miss E. Rieve, Miss Irma Foltz, Miss Jessie Evans, Miss Florence Bray, Miss Louise Pohl.

TO MEET WITH LIVESTOCK OWNERS

The Nevada tax commission has set Monday, December 8, as the date for the conference with all livestock owners in the state. The meeting will be held at Reno. At this conference the policy for the assessment of livestock for the year 1914 will be formulated.

WIFE OF RENO ATTORNEY OBTAINS DIVORCE

Mrs. Annie K. Huskey Saturday obtained a decree of divorce from H. W. Huskey upon her complaint and testimony presented before Judge Harwood of the district court.

The evidence disclosed an incompatibility of temperament, which Judge Harwood found sufficient to base a decree upon.—Reno Journal.

TEMPERATURE REPORT.

Highest temperature yesterday, 46 degrees; a year ago, 54.
Lowest temperature last night, 27 degrees; a year ago, 31.

West End Sends Bullion Shipment

The West End company sent out eighteen bars of bullion this morning as the proceeds of two weeks' run of the mill, which makes the yield of 30,460 ounces, worth approximately \$23,562. Before the end of the year the new addition to the mill will be in operation and the bullion output will be increased fully 50 per cent.

our, the sooner the better. If the official opening of the canal is to occur January 1, 1915; for if water were not admitted this fall, but were deferred until May 1, 1914, the full height could not be reached until October, 1914, leaving little time for the determination of these questions. These considerations led to the conclusion that the water should be turned into the cut at the earliest date practicable for getting the dredges to work on the slides.

"The present plans, therefore, are based upon the blowing up of Gamboa dike on October 10, its removal by dredges immediately thereafter, the transfer of two suction dredges and a ladder dredge to the Cucaracha slide, the smaller dipper dredges to work on the other slides until the full width of the channel is attained, and the passage of vessels through the canal as soon as channels of full depth and of sufficient width have been secured.

"Before boats can be passed it will be necessary to remove the Gamboa dike by dredges and to remove the slides as already outlined. The passage of commercial vessels is dependent, therefore, upon the time when proper channels can be dredged through the slides; should additional ones occur, they will necessarily advance the date when this will be accomplished."

The canal proper exclusive of the approaches, the machine shops and warehouses and great ocean docks at either end, would have been completed during the last fiscal year, but for the extensive slides in the Culebra cut. And to deal with the great problems involved in the removal of the slides no effective way was found except the bodily displacement of vast hills. The slides and breaks increased as the cut deepened.

"No treatment has proven effective for slides when once developed, except that of excavating and hauling away material from the moving mass until the slide comes to rest or until the angle of repose for the particular material in motion is reached," said Colonel Goethals.

Last year it was predicted by geologists that the slides had been conquered and that little more activity could be expected because all the loose surface soil and stone had almost slid off, exposing great ridges of solid basalt rock which would act as barriers to further earth movements. Yet, when all was most promising and the canal excavation had gotten within 40 feet of the bottom of the cut on the east side, the rocks broke under the tremendous pressure and 2,000,000 cubic yards of material slid into and closed up the cut. Since then the canal workers have been digging away that material, and though there have been several slides, steady progress was made, for not only did giant dredges work on the face of the slides, but powerful hydraulic monitors, such as were extensively used in hydraulic mining on the Pacific coast, were brought into play to wash away the treacherous hills from the rear, carrying the material into unused valleys distant from the canal.

A great engineering problem was involved in the solution of the question of continuing the excavation of the canal by steam shovels or by hydraulic dredges, and Colonel Goethals for the first time makes an official statement of the reasons which impelled him to choose the wet method.

In brief, these were based on the apprehension that Gamboa dike would not be strong or high enough to keep the water out of the cut as the Gatun lake rose in the wet season. Also, steam shovel operations would be retarded by the seasonal rains, which would not affect the operation of the dredges, and finally the measure was one of economy. It would have been possible, with the slides, to have removed all of the slides by January 1, 1914, except the Cucaracha slide, which could not have been entirely carried off before April, 1914.

The financial operations of the canal are told in big figures: The disbursing officer has paid out \$20,524,705 on pay rolls alone. Congress so far has appropriated \$349,505,223

for canal construction, of which \$10,676,950 went for fortifications.

In great detail Colonel Goethals tells the story of the engineers' work during the last year, and with particular satisfaction it is reported that the mechanism of the vast locks was tested with perfect success. The gates at Gatun were swung in one minute and fifty-one seconds for each leaf. The heavy iron chains which are dependent upon to prevent an unruly vessel from crashing into the locks were raised and lowered in ample time to meet any emergency, and demonstrated their ability to check or stop any vessel unless of very great size and moving at excessive speed. The locomotives which will tow the ships through the locks were tried out and proved their ability to easily handle the largest of vessels, and the electric installation, which will involve the use of a current of 44,000 volts pressure, was completely successful.

Altogether, the technical sections of the report seem to demonstrate the accuracy of Colonel Goethals' statement that practically nothing but the great slide at Cucaracha remains to prevent the successful operation of the canal.

ARMY AVIATORS KILLED BY FALL AT CORONADO

CONTROL WORKS WELL AND EXPERTS CANNOT ASSIGN CAUSE.

(By Associated Press.)
SAN DIEGO, Nov. 24.—Lieutenants Eric L. Ellington and Hugh M. Kelly of the first division army aviation corps were killed this morning by a fall of about eighty feet from an aeroplane, across the bay at the army school field.

No reason for the accident was discovered. Army officers said Kelly was not familiar with the machine. Ellington, who was acting as instructor, had been flying for months. It seemed the machine began to descend properly and suddenly got out of control. Both were killed instantly. The machine was shattered, but examiners reported the control in faultless condition.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—The deaths of Ellington and Kelly make fifteen deaths in the government aviation corps since experiments first started in 1908. Twelve were in the army and one in the navy. Two civilian instructors were killed. Seven deaths were reported this year. Aviation accidents of all kinds throughout the world show 368 killed since 1908, and 197 this year.

HEADS OF FAMILIES MEET TONIGHT

A meeting of heads of families will be held at 7:30 this evening in the gymnasium of the high school to ratify the action of the board of school trustees in offering for sale the old high school building to the county commissioners for use as a hospital.

MOTION TO DISMISS IN FRED B. WEIR CASE

Today was taken up by counsel on a motion of the defendant to dismiss the case against Fred B. Weir for alleged embezzlement of stock certificates entrusted to him by clients on the ground that the allegations had not been sustained. At the opening of court this afternoon the case answered the motion.

WILL TEST MOTOR TAX.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 24.—Motorists of California will file suit early in January to test the constitutionality of the motor vehicle taxation act passed by the last legislature.

CASINO LICENSE NOT RESTORED AND PLACE CLOSED

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REFUSE TO RECONSIDER THEIR RECENT ACTION.

The county commissioners, sitting as a liquor board, Saturday afternoon refused to rescind the action revoking the license of the Big Casino resort. The motion was made by Commissioner March, and seconded by Commissioner Ferguson, and the vote was unanimously in favor of standing by their original order made at their previous meeting, when four saloon licenses were revoked.

Receiver Bonneau had closed the doors Friday night, as he found he could not run the place on a dry basis, and that the novelty of pop soon wore off, and now the future of the establishment is up to the United States court, under whose auspices the receiver acts. George Summerfield, the owner of the real estate and the building, is demanding his rent, and the receiver says he has no money to meet bills.

INCREASED RATES PETITIONED BY RAILROADS

WANT TO ADD FIVE PER CENT ON ALL CLASSES OF FREIGHT.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—The interstate commerce commission began today hearing arguments on the request of 52 eastern railroads to increase rates on all classes of freight approximately 5 per cent east of Mississippi and north of the Ohio and Potomac rivers.

This hearing is of the utmost importance to all railroads in the United States, for should the increase be authorized the commission might extend the authority to all roads. The railroads presented statistics to show that operating expenses have increased faster than gross earnings, and net earnings returned nothing on new capital invested in the last three years.

MAYOR INDICTED FOR BLEEDING OIL COMPANY

PROPOSED TO GIVE OIL COMPANY MONOPOLY OF STATE BUSINESS.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—James K. McGuire, formerly mayor of Syracuse, was indicted today for soliciting campaign contributions from a corporation. The penalty is one year in prison, \$1000 fine, or both. It is said he is en route for South Africa.

Fillmore Condit, New York agent of the Union Oil company of California, was before the grand jury today. It is understood he testified that McGuire proposed for the contribution of \$5000, a commission of a cent a gallon on products sold in the state, and to see Condit's company would get the state business.

INDIAN LAND LEASED.

Special Indian Agent Asbury of Reno has returned from Gardnerville, where he has been in conference with ranchers about signing land leases on 50,000 acres of Indian land in the Pine Nut range. The terms will be similar to those in the national forests.

OWNER AND THREE CUSTOMERS ARE LOCKED UP IN THE CELLAR WHILE THE JOB IS COMPLETED

The C. & F. saloon was held up at 1:15 o'clock this morning by a masked man, who escaped with \$278.70, after locking the proprietor and two customers in the cellar.

Suspicion was directed to a frequenter of the place, and Chief of Police Evans went directly to his cabin and made a thorough search of the place, without finding any incriminating evidence. The suspect was not detained. The stick-up took the cash box out of the safe, and also the contents of the cash register. The box was found this morning by Pat Dudley, the plumber, in the empty shack on Center street opposite the library building, where it had been thrown by the robber. A solitary 10-cent piece stuck in the edge of the frame, showing that the process of emptying was not done with any close attention to detail.

Carl Fuetsch, the owner of the place, situated on the ground floor of the Elks' building, was seated in the rear with Helme Harder and L. C. Kroemer, playing a game of dummy solo, when the front door opened and the bandit appeared. He wore blue overalls with his front, covered with paint or mortar, and a white slouch hat. His face was covered with a white cloth that dropped below his chin. He entered in on a run, with quick, short steps, a sort of a dog-trot fashion, and came directly to the rear of the room where the three players were seated. Fuetsch was facing the door and saw the whole proceedings without thinking for a second that the visitor was more than a practical joker. Even when the man flourished a .38-caliber blue steel, short-barreled gun and ordered "Hands up," Fuetsch did not realize his position. He sat looking at the man until ordered in peremptory tone to throw up his hands. Then he obeyed, rising to a standing position. Kroemer and Harder sat still until told:

"Get down on your knees, with your face to the wall, and don't stir." They did as ordered without any protest.

Turning his attention to Fuetsch, the hold-up ordered him to open the safe, and be quick about it. The safe was already opened, and as Carl swung the door he was directed to produce the keys of the cash drawer and open that. The drawer was the central one of three arranged vertically and the thief apparently knew where the money was. He did not ask for the contents of the other two drawers, but backed away to the ice box and then ordered Fuetsch to go behind the bar. Fuetsch approached the bandit until he could have reached out and seized him in his arms. He says the robber was betraying signs of nervousness and the gun shook in his hands. Then Fuetsch thought of the man with a gun having the edge on him and that there was no reason why he should jeopardize his life for a few dollars and leave his large family without a breadwinner, and he concluded to do as he was told.

The top drawer contained the jewelry of Mrs. Fuetsch and some family gifts that are prized highly by the owners. The lower drawer held \$75 in currency. No attempt was made to take any jewelry or personal property from the three men.

"Don't come closer," was the next order.

"Then where do you want me to go?" inquired Fuetsch, turning his back.

"You go down there and around the other way," rejoined the man, with a flourish of the gun.

Fuetsch went down along the front of the bar to the end close to the Elks' stairway until he reached the cellar door in the floor.

"Open the cellar door and get down quick," came the next order, with an emphasis that showed the man was afraid some one would enter.

and Louis sprinted for the opening in the floor.

The back of the man had scarcely disappeared below the floor when the door was slammed down tight and the two doors of the cigar locker that opened out over the cellar door were swung into an extended position at right angles with the floor. This was for the purpose of locking the three victims in while the thief was getting out of sight. Then, going to the cash register, the cash, amounting to \$78.80, was taken out.

The men had not disappeared a moment too soon, for the net instant Billy Ryan, engineer of the Sand Grass, entered, swinging his bucket, as he was coming off shift. He took in the situation the moment the doors swung open and he beat it for the street expecting every second to hear a bullet whistling past his ears. He ran to the police station and got Bob Dalzell.

As the thief was going through the cash register another customer was heard entering from the front door. He saw what was going on and, without waiting for explanations, kept right on going and disappeared by way of the back door. The hold-up finished his search of the register and darted for the front door and vanished.

Fuetsch reached up his hand and pushed back the cigar door locker and, raising the cellar door, got out. He was too late to find any trace of the robber but was in time to meet Bob Dalzell, night policeman, who came in with Billy Ryan. The whole operation occupied less than five minutes, but there was not a lost motion and the job was executed with dispatch.

The police have a description of a man five feet eight inches and weighing 145 pounds, apparently an American, as he did not speak with any accent.

This is the third hold-up that has occurred in Tonopah. In 1902 the Butler bar, at the corner of Brougher avenue and Main street, was held up and \$1200 taken, while Curley Graham and George Cole held their hands aloft.

Cole suddenly sprang for the back door, stooping as he ran, and a bullet caught him on the back of the head and glanced off. He succeeded in reaching the street and giving the alarm, but the bandit escaped. Cole was not armed. This robbery was planned by one of the famous car barn bandits who terrorized Chicago the following year and who made Tonopah his training quarters. Every dollar he earned was spent for amusement.

CORRUPT LOBBY IN INTEREST OF LAKE VESSELS

AIM TO KEEP EXCURSION COFFINS IN THE LAKE TRAFFIC.

(By Associated Press.)
MADISON, Nov. 24.—There is assembling the biggest and most corrupt lobby to defeat the seaman's bill that has been in Washington in years, said Senator La Follette today. "Those who run excursions in rotten hulks and drown people by hundreds are men who have life preservers that sink people rather than float them will be in force by maritime interests, and all to defeat legislation."

CONSTRUCTION WILL BEGIN.

Actual construction work on the new reduction plant for the Copper mines company at Ely will begin in the spring, according to the Boston Financial News.

munition and all his spare time was devoted to target practice.

Seven years ago an attempt was made at the Bank saloon, conducted at that time by Tom Griffin, and a shooting ensued that scared the stick-up and drove him away. As he entered the bartender, "Sandy," was sitting alone in the office at the end of the bar. He reached for his gun on the draining board and began pegging away. Traces of the shots are visible today in the woodwork. One of the return shots caught Sandy in his gun hand, carrying away a small portion of his right thumb, or the visitor might have been plugged.

The only recent exploit in the gun line was pulled off three months ago in Chinatown, when three men walked in and compelled a brace of yellow-skinned Mongols to surrender their bank roll. This was the work of hopheads, who are doing time at the state prison.

HUERTA ON WANE SAYS PRESIDENT WOODROW WILSON

SLOWLY CRUMBLING, IS THE REITERATION OF THE WHITE HOUSE.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—The president's belief that the Huerta government is slowly crumbling was reiterated today. The president pointed out that the press of Mexico City could publish uncontradicted, baseless comment on the future intentions of the United States. The Washington government is irrevocably determined not to recognize Huerta.

EL PASO, Texas, Nov. 24.—So far as known at Juarez there is no fighting south of there. The federals, according to Villa, retreated Saturday eighteen miles south. Villa says he will pursue them if they do not attack soon. He will hold Juarez. He also plans to capture Chihuahua City.

MEXICANS SHOOT UP TOWN AND MAKE ESCAPE

CITY MARSHAL FATALLY WOUNDED WHILE TRYING TO ENFORCE LAW.

(By Associated Press.)
SANTA PAULA, Cal., Nov. 24.—In an attempt to arrest several Mexicans for "shooting up" the town this morning, City Marshal H. M. Norman was fatally wounded. Sheriff Martin and a posse are searching for the murderers. The Mexicans fired as soon as Norman appeared.

Bull Fighters Have a School

By Associated Press.
CORDOVA, Spain, Nov. 24.—The opening yesterday of a school for bull fighters indicates the sport is not declining in Spain. A fund of \$100,000 was raised for the school, which is the first of the kind, except a small institution in Seville.